

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

In re patent application of: CHARPENTIER ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/714,524

Filed: November 17, 2000

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING THE THICKNESS OF A LAYER OF AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT IN REAL TIME

Examiner: B, Kebede

Art Unit: 2823

Docket #: P06983US00/RFH

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Attached is:

- a response after Final Rejection dated
- ☒ a response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2002
- a Preliminary Amendment
- a Petition for an extension of time
- ☒ Other: Attachment A (clean claims)

Fees: For claims if required and/or other fees as shown below:

	NOW	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TOTAL CLAIMS	8	20	0	X \$ 18 =	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDEP. CLAIMS	2	3	0	X \$ 84 =	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES =					0
..... Reduction by ½ for small entity status of applicant					
SUBTOTAL =					0
..... Fee for extension of time (per attached Petition)					
..... Other fee for					
TOTAL OF ALL FEES =					0

..... A check in the amount of \$0 is enclosed. If no check or an insufficient check is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.

☒ In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and that a separate petition is not submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 8, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 7 is canceled. Claims 8 and 9 are newly added. A clean version of new
claims 8 and 9 is provided herewith in **Attachment A**.

REMARKS

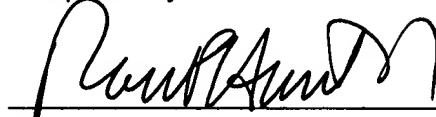
Restriction has been required between claims 1 to 6, grouped as Group I, and
claim 7, grouped as Group II. Applicant hereby elects Group I containing claims 1-6
and drawn to the method.

Claim 7 has been canceled and replaced by new claims 8 and 9. Claim 8 is a
linking claim and thus should be examined along with claims 1-6 in accordance with the
provisions of MPEP § 806.05(c). New claim 9 substantially corresponds to original
claim 7 but now depends on new claim 8. If claim 8 is found to be allowable, claim 9
should be rejoined as a dependent claim.

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Further and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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